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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE
DATED JULY 5 FROM THE PRESIDENT TO CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR HELMUT, I AM VERY MUCH LOOKING
FORWARD TO MEETING WITH YOU IN BONN BOTH FOR OUR OWN
MEETINGS AND FOR THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT.

IN MY VIEW, ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES ON OUR
SUMMIT AGENDA IS THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.
IF A GOOD TRADE PACKAGE IS AGREED BEFOREHAND AT GENEVA,
SO THAT WE CAN ENDORSE IT AT THE SUMMIT, THIS WILL DO
MUCH TO ENSURE A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME TO OUR MEETING.

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I WAS DISTRESSED TO LEARN THAT THE RECENT MEETING OF
THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS DID NOT PROVIDE MORE POSITIVE
GUIDANCE ON THE KEY ISSUES THAT MUST BE RESOLVED BEFORE
WE CAN HAVE SUCH A TRADE PACKAGE. I UNDERSTAND THAT
GERMANY HAS STRONGLY SUPPORTED EFFORTS BY THE COMMISSION
TO FIND MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS. I HOPE THAT YOU
WILL BE ABLE TO CONVINCE YOUR COLLEAGUES THAT THE

COMMUNITY MUST BE SUFFICIENTLY FLEXIBLE TO NEGOTIATE A
MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY MULTILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENT. I
HOPE THAT YOUR MINISTERS AND SENIOR TRADE OFFICIALS WILL
MAKE SIMILAR EFFORTS WITH THEIR COLLEAGUES.

I HAVE INSTRUCTED BOB STRAUSS TO MEET THE COMMISSION HALF
WAY. BUT THIS REQUIRES RECIPROCITY. I FEAR THAT IF WE
DON'T GET PROGRESS SOON THE OBJECTIVES THAT YOU AND I
SHARE WILL BE ENDANGERED. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER
END TEXT. VANCE

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